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## **CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

A system for providing prepaid services, comprising: 1 means for connecting to a network; 2 means for requesting access to realtime prepaid services; and 3 means for acquiring access to the prepaid services. 4 The system of claim 1, further comprising: 2. 1 means for recharging a prepaid account for the prepaid services. 2 The system of claim 2, wherein said means for recharging further 1 3. comprises: 2 means for using a credit card to recharge the prepaid account for the prepaid 3 services. 4 The system of claim 1, further comprising: 4. 1 means for reviewing at least one transaction of the prepaid account for the 2 prepaid services. 3 The system of claim 1, further comprising: 5.

means for switching from the prepaid services to postpaid services.

- 6. 1 The system of claim 1, further comprising: 2 means for providing access to the prepaid services through a point of sale 3 device. 7. The system of claim 1, further comprising: 1 means for providing data changes to a billing system. 2 8. A method for providing prepaid services, said method comprising the 1 2 steps of: 3 connecting to a network; requesting access to realtime prepaid services; and 4 acquiring access to the prepaid services. 5 9. The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of: 1 2 recharging a prepaid account for the prepaid services. 10. The method of claim 9, wherein the recharging step further comprises 1 the step of: 2 3 using a credit card to recharge the prepaid account for the prepaid services.
- 1 11. The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of:
- 2 reviewing at least one transaction of the prepaid account for the prepaid services.

- 1 12. The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of: 2 switching from the prepaid services to postpaid services.
- 1 11. The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of:
- 2 creating a prepaid account for the prepaid services.
- 1 12. The method of claim 8, wherein the acquiring access step further
- 2 comprises the step of:
- providing access to the prepaid services through a point of sale device.
- 1 13. The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of:
- 2 providing data changes to a billing system.
- 1 14. A computer readable medium for providing prepaid services,
- 2 comprising:
- 3 logic for connecting to a network;
- 4 logic for requesting access to realtime prepaid services; and
- 5 logic for acquiring access to the prepaid services.
- 1 15. The computer readable medium of claim 14, further comprising:
- 2 logic for recharging a prepaid account for the prepaid services.
- 1 16. The computer readable medium of claim 15, wherein the logic for
- 2 recharging further comprises:

- logic for using a credit card to recharge the prepaid account for the prepaid services.
- 1 The computer readable medium of claim 14, further comprising:
- logic for reviewing at least one transaction of the prepaid account for the prepaid
- 3 services.
- 1 18. The computer readable medium of claim 14, further comprising:
- 2 logic for switching from the prepaid services to postpaid services.
- 1 19. The computer readable medium of claim 14, further comprising:
- 2 logic for creating a prepaid account for the prepaid services.
- 1 20. The computer readable medium of claim 14, further comprising:
- logic for providing access to the prepaid services through a point of sale device.